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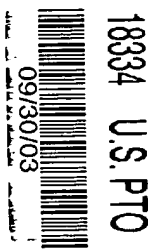
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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional
☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of
pending prior Application No. **09/709,541** filed on **November 13,**
2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by
reference,
by

Igor SHVETS; Sergei MAKAROV; and Juergen OSING

for

A DISPENSING METHOD AND ASSEMBLY FOR LIQUID DROPLETS

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if
applicable).
2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$750.00	\$375.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	52-20 =	32	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$288.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4-3 =	1	x 84 = \$0.00	x 42 = \$42.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
		TOTAL	\$0.00	\$330.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of **\$705.00** to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. ☒ Enclosed is/are thirty-four (34) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/709,541 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b. ☒ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned to THE PROVOST, FELLOWS AND SCHOLARS OF THE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH NEAR DUBLIN.
8. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. ☒ Priority of Application No(s). 99650106.0 filed in EPO on November 11, 1999 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on December 4, 2000.
- 9b. ☐ Priority of International Appln. _____ filed on _____ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and _____

Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

10. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

11. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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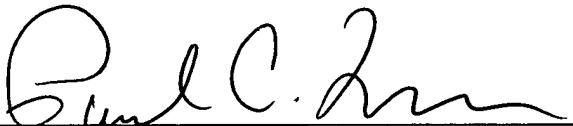
12. ☐ An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/709,541 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

13. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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